

# M SHANGHAI STRING BAND

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**THE MAPMAKER'S DAUGHTER**  
Produced by Jeremy Backoffen  
(of The Felice Brothers)  
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**“Stellar songwriting, brilliantly musical arrangements,  
and one of the most arresting live shows I've ever seen”**  
-Samantha Parton of *The Be Good Tanyas*



**PRAISE FOR  
FROM THE AIR  
BEST ALBUMS OF 2007**  
(Along with Mavis Staples, Arcade Fire,  
Robert Plant/Allison Krauss, etc.)

Conceived in the basement of a Chinese restaurant in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, M SHANGHAI STRING BAND have been whipping crowds into frenzy since 2002. They retain the joyous qualities of the early folk bands—they'll play all night if you let them, with an energy that's completely contagious—but what sets them apart is their songwriting: **"adventurous, lyrically smart songs that are classic & relevant."**

On "The Mapmaker's Daughter", the band captures the raw, all-acoustic energy that we've come to expect from the M Shanghai mob, known to gather around a single microphone Opry-style, but in the highest fidelity yet. "Mapmakers" is testimony to their years of performing together.

“Thoroughly contemporary songs,  
resulting in absolutely timeless music.

Simply the most joyous musical  
celebration of the year.”

-*Albany Times Union*

“The band was on fire... playing with total abandon and total control simultaneously. As they worked up the voltage... they crowded around that mike like the faithful taking Communion, or like sharks smelling blood in the water.”

-Karl Greenberg, *Guitar Jam Daily*

“There's plenty of action closer to the ground...catch the M Shanghai String Band, holding court in Williamsburg”

-*New York Times*, feature article on roots music revolution in NYC

“Vigorous, heartfelt acoustic country with all the fixins!”

-*Time Out New York*

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